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CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN JOHN LUNA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GRAPEVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Captain John Luna on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department in Grapevine, Texas, after thirty-two years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

John's esteemed career began when he joined the police department of San Marcos, Texas, in 1985. John's service to the City of San Marcos continued for over ten years when, in 1996, he began his career with the City of Grapevine.

Since joining the department, John has honorably served his community and built a reputation as a hardworking and respected officer. Throughout his career in Grapevine, John received 29 letters of commendation, recognizing his professionalism and service to the community. He has served as a Field Training Officer, Police Instructor, Detective, Grapevine SWAT Team Hostage Negotiator, Honor Guard Member, and a Public Information Officer.

John's dedication as a public servant is apparent in his pursuit of continued education and trainings to help provide a better service to his community. He completed his basic, intermediate, advanced, and master's police certifications, accumulating over 3,968 hours of police in-service trainings. Furthermore, John is a 2009 graduate of the 236th session of the F.B.I. National Academy, which is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers who are nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities.

John's contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Grapevine have helped to ensure countless officers have been superbly trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties as police officers. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Grapevine and the Grapevine Police Department for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the exceptional efforts John has contributed to the City of Grapevine. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain John Luna and his many years of service and wishing him the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE MESSIAH COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend sincere congratulations to the Messiah College

Men's Soccer Team for winning the NCAA Division III National Championship. This is the 11th time the Messiah Falcons earned the title, "National Champions."

The Falcons defeated the North Park Vikings in a 2-1 victory on December 2, 2017. The win completed a 24-2 campaign for the Falcons that matched their team record for single-season wins, while also making Messiah 11-for-11 in title game appearances.

The dedication and perseverance of these student athletes should inspire everyone. I extend my congratulations as well to head coach Brad McCarty, and the school officials, family and friends who supported these young men on their incredible journey.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Messiah College Men's Soccer Team on the hard work and determination that led to their National Championship.

TRIBUTE TO VICKIE AND GENE PEEL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Vickie and Gene Peel of Perry, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on November 25th, 2017.

Vickie and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (MOTHER CABRINI)

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and missionary work of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Mother Cabrini) and commemorate the 100th anniversary of her passing.

Mother Cabrini came to Denver, Colorado in 1902 to help Italian Immigrants who worked in the mines and on the railroad. She opened the Queen of Heaven Orphanage to care for girls ages 2 through 15 at 48th & Federal Blvd. which remained open from 1905 to 1967. Mother Cabrini believed the girls in the orphanage would benefit from trips out of the city so she purchased 900 acres of land in Mount Vernon Canyon to serve as a summer camp for the girls from the Queen of Heaven Orphanage. The summer camp in Mount

Vernon Canyon was said to have no source of water on the property. Mother Cabrini told her Sisters who accompanied her to foothills, "move that rock and you will find water clean enough to drink." The spring of water from that location still flows today. Many have given testimony to the water's impact in helping their suffering and ailments.

Mother Cabrini was canonized America's first citizen saint in 1946 and was also named the Patroness of Immigrants. In total, she opened 67 schools, orphanages and hospitals in her relatively short lifetime. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the religious order founded by Mother Cabrini, have served and ministered to the people of Colorado since 1902.

Mother Cabrini died 100 years ago on December 22, 1917. Throughout her life she cared for the poorest of the poor and immigrants in need. Her life and legacy have been celebrated during this centenary year throughout the world.

I extend my deepest gratitude in recognition of all that Mother Cabrini accomplished in her time in Colorado. I am grateful for the continuous dedication the Mother Cabrini Shrine offers the community in her memory.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1, TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD letters from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Business Roundtable, National Association of Manufacturers, National Federation of Independent Business, and the Alliance for Competitive Taxation:

U.S. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce urges Congress to complete its final step to enact comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform legislation and pass the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The Chamber will include votes related to this legislation in our How They Voted scorecard. By passing the conference report, Congress would unleash resources for businesses large and small to hire new workers, expand facilities, and purchase new equipment. Bringing about tax reform would help ensure that these investments are made here in the United States, and these investments would lead to higher wages and catalyze broad economic growth.

Moreover, H.R. 1 would provide additional growth by allowing for environmentally-sensitive oil and gas production in an area in northern Alaska set aside by Congress for energy exploration in 1980.

The Chamber applauds the work of the conferees for reporting a strong pro-growth tax reform bill. The members of the Finance and Ways and Means Committees from this and previous congresses also deserve much credit for their work during this multi-year effort.

Tax reform is a big engine that will power a growing economy for years to come. Only one step remains for Congress to keep its commitment to approving pro-growth, comprehensive tax reform legislation.